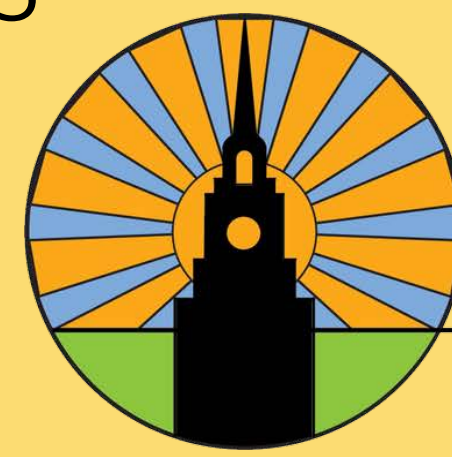


# Solar Schools Toolkit: The Philadelphia Solar Energy Association

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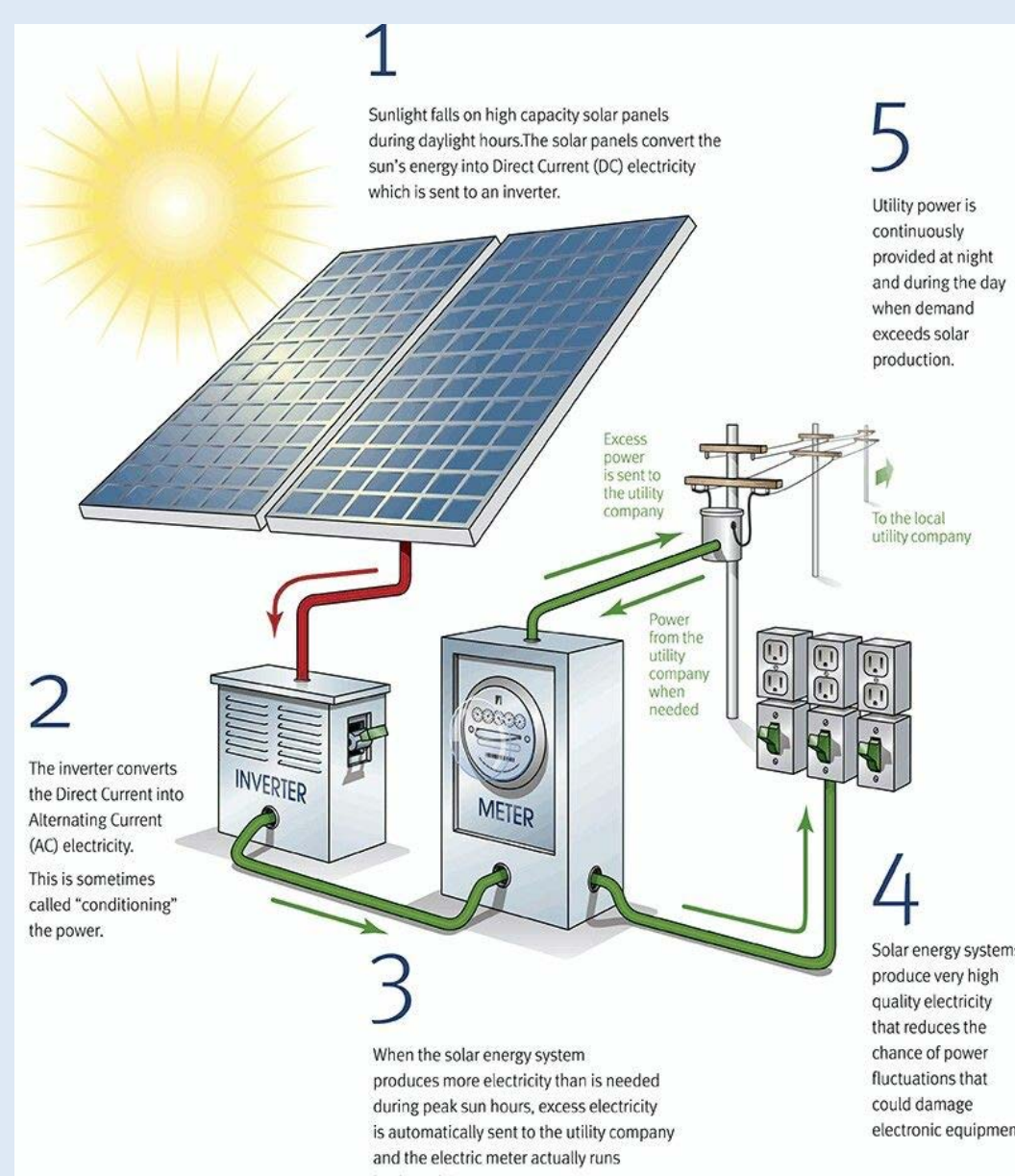
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## Background:

The Philadelphia Solar Energy Association (PSEA) is a local non-profit whose goal is to “promote the rapid adoption of solar energy across the state.” The volunteer-based organization promotes solar adoption through policy, events, and education. With new solar incentives in the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act, the PSEA has been developing a digital toolkit to help schools across the state implement solar energy systems.



## Toolkit Work:

Though I worked on several projects with the PSEA, the Solar Schools Toolkit was a main focus. My contributions included:

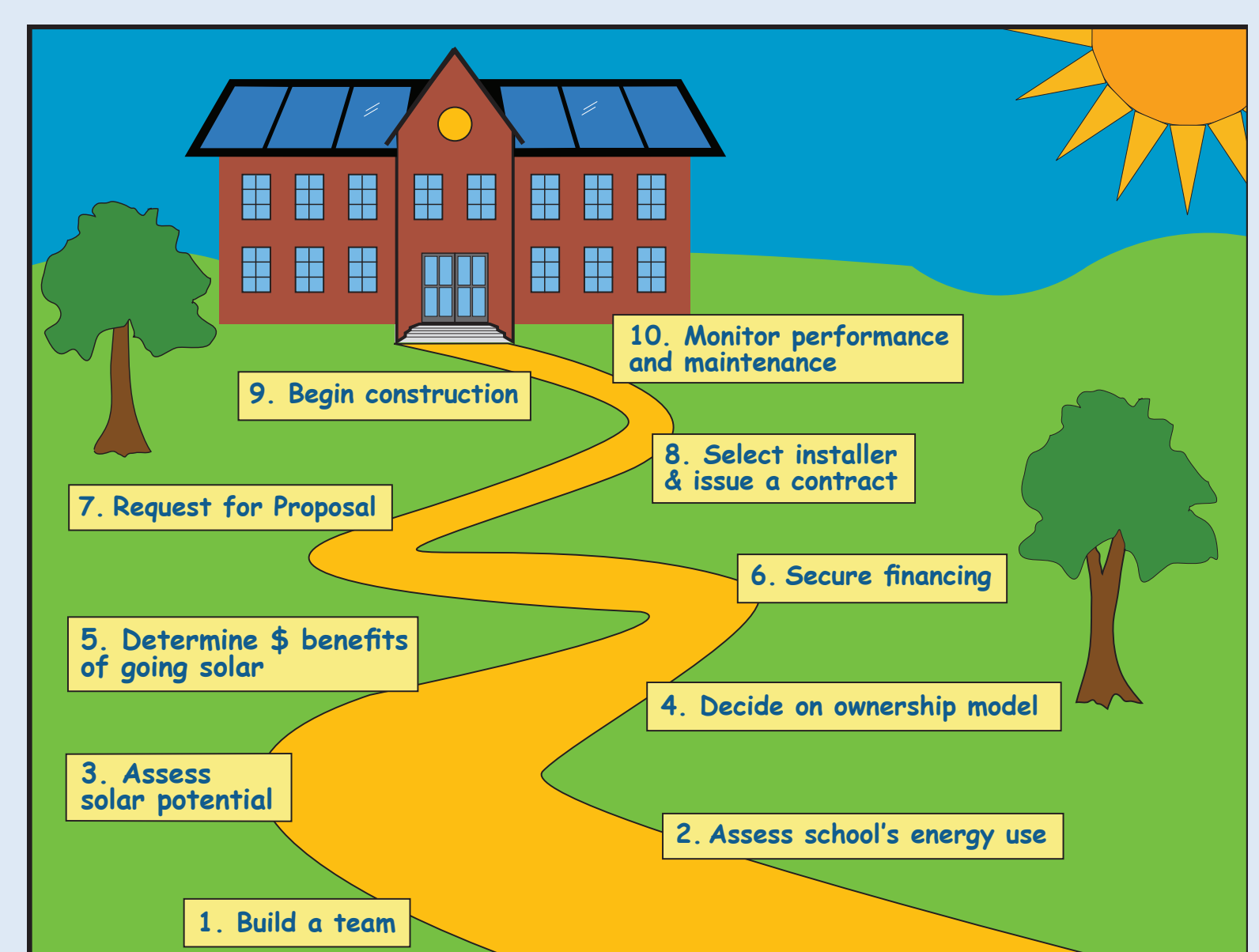
- Editing assistance for clarity and legibility.
- Formatting and indexing.
- Sourcing images of photovoltaic (PV) systems and components.
- Research on niche topics such as electric school busses.

I also assisted with PSEA website content, contest organization, and an exhibit opening.

## Takeaways:

Overall, my time with the PSEA was a wonderful learning experience:

- I developed a collaborative-document building skillset.
- I became familiar with industry regulations and terminology.
- I honed my research and editing skills.
- I learned to better work collaboratively through complex scheduling and remote meetings.
- Gained an understanding of how state and federal grant opportunities are closely linked with non-profit policy writing scope.



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